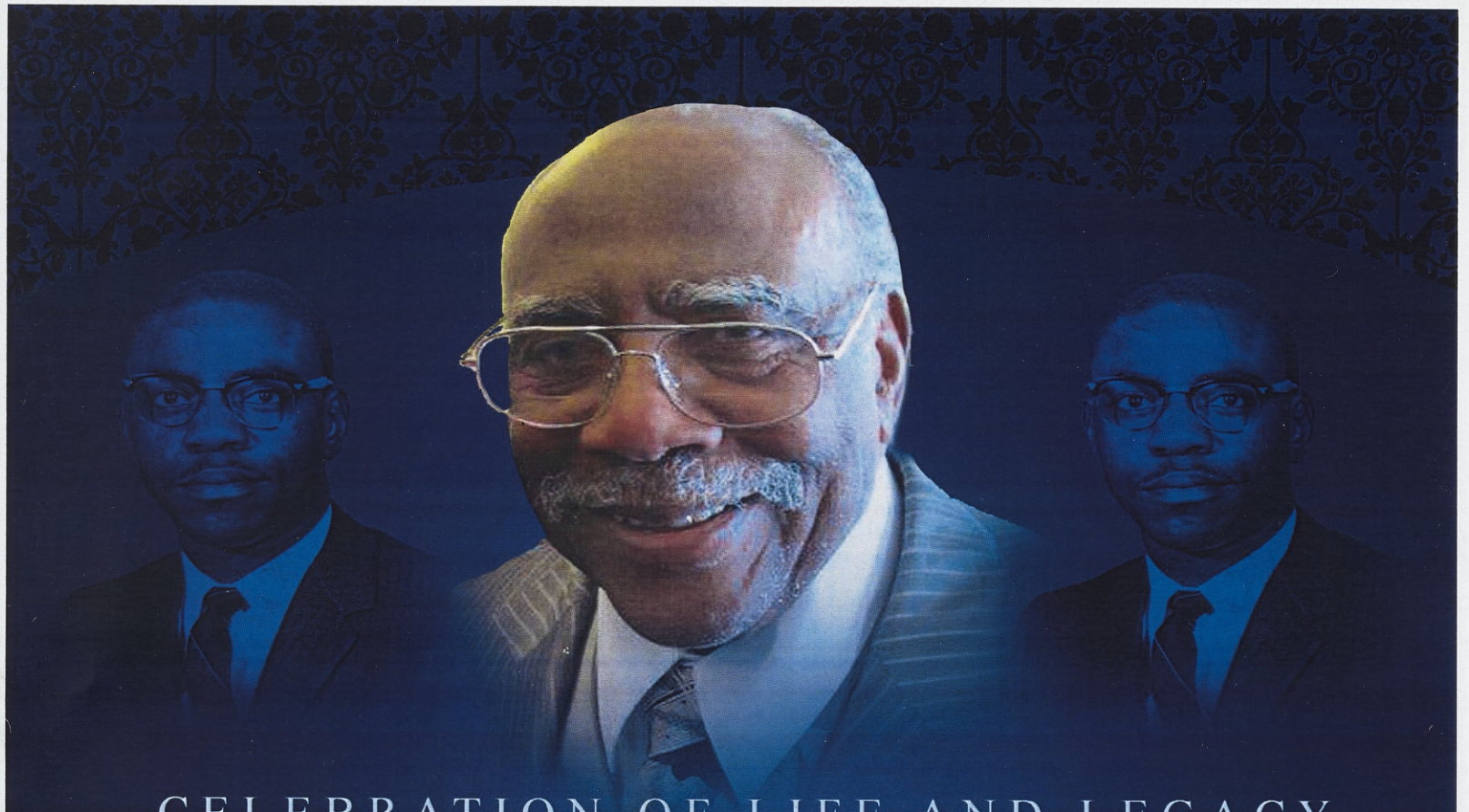

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND LEGACY

EMERITUS SUPERINTENDENT

DR. WILLIE MATTHEW Peterson

SUNRISE
JUNE 23, 1930

SUNSET
JANUARY 2, 2017

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:00AM

GREATER CHRIST TEMPLE, NORTH
8800 Thornton Road Stockton, CA 95209

Superintendent Gerald Harris, Officiant

Bishop Nathaniel A. Bullock

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DR. WILLIE MATTHEW Peterson

OBITUARY

Prelude

The life of Willie Matthew Peterson began on June 23, 1930 in Dallas, Texas. He was born to the proud parents of Willie Diamond and Ora Bell Peterson. Willie Matthew was the only child from that union and one year later his mother passed away, Willie was raised by his paternal Grandmother Ida Peterson and attended local schools. He later migrated to Stockton, California in the early 40's and graduated from Stockton High School in 1948.

Willie Matthew was raised in the Church of God In Christ and received Christ at 10 years old, at the Ideal COGIC. Willie united with the Power House COGIC under Elder Baby Perry, Pastor. He later joined the Hamilton Temple Church under Pastor Steve Hamilton, and in 1947 he joined his father's church, as he organized the White Rose Church.

Family

In 1950, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Ms. Erma Jean Frazier, and to this union seven children were born. Also in 1950, Willie was called to the ministry to preach the Gospel. In 1956, Elder Peterson was called to Pastor the Wayside COGIC, in Weed, California. Pastor Peterson returned to Stockton in 1960 to Pastor the White Rose Church with a vision in mind, and completed the new edifice in 1986.

Community and Ministerial

Overtime, Willie worked on many jobs which included the saw mill in Weed, California, San Joaquin General Hospital, and Children's Home of Stockton. He later became an entrepreneur, and started his own Janitorial Business, along with his wife and children. He also served as Y.P.W.W. President, General Assembly Chairman, and Executive Board member. He also received many community awards for community betterment. Pastor Peterson was also indicted into Hall of Fame on Martin Luther King Day, and a member of P.A.C.T. (People and Community Together). Pastor Peterson was recognized by various public accolades, including state and public officials. Pastor Peterson received an honorary degree from Sacramento Theological Seminary and another degree from Conroe Theological Seminary, Greater Faith Baptist Church.

Pastor Peterson's siblings include Iantha Taylor (deceased), Betty Carly (deceased), Morris Earl Peterson (deceased), Ruby Latricia Williams (deceased), Ivory Gene Peterson (deceased), Ida Jean Roberts, and Helen Faye Rosser.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 66 years, Erma Jean Peterson, and his children Nathaniel James Peterson, Opal Darlene Peterson, Cozetta Easter (John), Alice Oliphant, Michael Earl Peterson Sr. (LaTanya), Jerry Dwayne Peterson (deceased), and Sean Christopher Peterson.

He was blessed with a legacy of 16 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, God-children, spiritual children, and many more that can't be named

Unforgettable Love

Order of SERVICE

TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2017 11:00AM

Processional ..... Organist- Charles Ware Jr.

Master of Ceremony ..... CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Superintendent Gerald Harris

Choir Selection ..... "He'll Welcome Me" ..... DIST. CHOIR GWR Mass Choir

Prayer ..... Pastor Terrance Saffold Sr.

Old Testament ..... PASTOR M. RUARKS ..... Pastor D Adrian Moore

New Testament ..... JAMES MANNING II ..... Superintendent Itasker Hollins

Praise & Worship ..... GWR Praise Team

~~Tribute~~ ..... Minister Michael Peterson Jr.

Sons of the Gospel ..... FAMILY SPOKES PERSON ..... Pastor Harry Guy

~~FAMILY~~ SPOKES PERSON ✓

THE SON — ELY, DARREL GLENN LARRY

Dr. Carleton Wright

PASTOR & REV — SUPT. REYNOLDS ~~PASTOR D. KNIGHT~~

Bishop Broderick Huggins

"RECOGNITION OF ALL SONS OF THE GOSPEL"

Musical Selection ..... "I Smile" ..... Grandchildren

Special Words ..... Mr. Ralph White

STATE REPRESENTATION

Supervisor of Women ..... Mother Mary Welch

Pastor's and Elders Council ..... Superintendent Bennie Toliver

SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN

Superintendent ..... Superintendent Samuel Bobo

Administrative Assistant ..... Superintendent John Jennings

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ALL VISITING BISHOPS

Choir Selection ..... "Oh How Precious " ..... GWR Mass Choir

MEMORY GARDEN IN CONCORD

Resolutions ..... District Missionary Patsy Gipson

FAMILY MEMORIES

Acknowledgment of Cards & Condolences ..... Missionary Betty Black

Reading of Obituary ..... (SILENT) MASTER OF CEREMONY ~~Pastor Patrice McCullars~~

Sermonic Solo ..... "My Soul Has Been Anchored" ..... First Lady Cozetta Easter

INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP — Co. E. HARRIS

Message of Comfort ..... Bishop Nathaniel A. Bullock

Parting View

Internment- Cherokee Memorial Park

And the Legacy Lives on...

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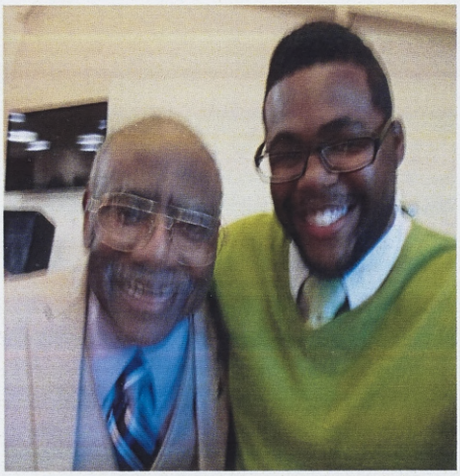

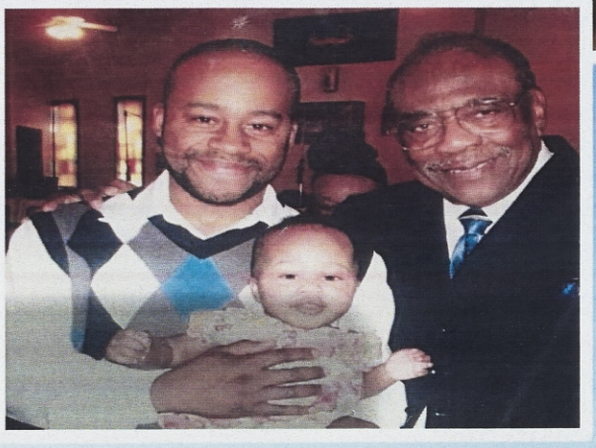

Favorite Songs

I Got a Feeling Everything's Gonna Be Alright
Something got Ahold of me
Somebody Prayed for Me
You Can have a Song in Your Heart in the Night

Favorite Scriptures

Isaiah 43:2
Psalm 50:15

The Pastor was dedicated to His Christian Service. He never missed one District Meeting or State Convocation during his tenure. He was an incubator for Pastors and Missionaries.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Pastor Thurnell Clayton
Pastor Levon Davis
Elder Hector Roach
Elder Finis Jones
Elder Harry Hodge
Dr. John Harris

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dr. Carleton Wright
Elder Samuel Taylor
Elder Floyd Ford
Elder Ricky Westmoreland
Elder Larry Guy
Pastor Larry Montgomery
Pastor Lawrence Montgomery

Special Thanks

Opal and Gentvia in Home Care and Hospice Team

INTERNMENT

CHEROKEE MEMORIAL PARK
Hwy 99 & at Harney Lane Lodi, CA 95240

REPAST

2201 East Eighth Street Stockton, CA 95206